MRTS Project

7536. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has raised certain objections on the MRTS project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has directed the Ministry to seek fresh approval from the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. In fact, the Planning commission has recognised Delhi MRTS as a priority scheme and assured that necessary financial support will be extended for the project at an appropriate stage.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance for Water Supply and Sewerage Project

7537. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for financial assistance from the Government of Maharashtra regarding water supply and sewerage Project stage II to provide adequate drinking water to the erstwhile municipal areas of Thane, Doonbivali, Kalyan, Dhiwandi Badlapur and Ambesnath areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken/to be taken thereon;

(d) whether the project is being posed for World Bank assistance;

(e) the details of projects proposed for World Bank assistance particularly from Maharashtra and decisions taken thereon; and

(f) the progress of works financed by World Bank as on 31st March, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Govt. of Maharashtra has submitted the Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project Stage II Phase-I at an estimated cost of Rs. 863 crores for possible assistance from World Bank. The areas included in the project are Bhayandar Municipal Council area, Thane Municipal Corporation area, Bhiwandi Municipal area, and surrounding villages, Kalyan Municipal Corporation area, Ulhasnagar Municipal town and areas to the east and south of Kalyan Municipal Corporation. The areas included in the Kalyan Region are Ambernath, Dombivli, Kalyan, Ulhasnagar, Badlapur, Titwala & Kalyan Growth Centre.

(c) The proposal has been accepted in principle from technical angle by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation in this Ministry and recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs. The State Govt. is required to sort out the issues and obtain clearances of the Planning Commission, the Central Water Commission and the Ministry of Environmental & Forest.

(d) It would be premature to pose the project for World Bank assistance at this stage.

(e) The Bombay Sewage Disposal Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1003.8 crores and the Mid-Vaitarana (Bombay-IV) water supply project at an estimated cost of Rs. 570 crores have proposed for World Bank assistance. The Bombay Sewage Disposal Project has been appraised by the World Bank and is likely to be negotiated for loan assistance shortly. The State Govt. has been requested to obtain the clearances of the Ministries of Water Resources, Environment & Forests and Planning Commission for the Mid-

Vaitarana (Bombay-IV) Water Supply project.

(f) Under the ongoing World Bank aided three Bombay Water Supply and Sewerage Project, against the project cost of Rs. 915 crores, about Rs. 400 crores has been spent by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay on the implementation/completion of various works.

Assistance to Maharashtra for Slums

7538. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have provided any Central assistance or World Bank assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for slums and Jhuggi Jhopri cluster etc.; and

(b) if so, the nature of assistance provided during the last three years yearwise and allocation for 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Urban Employment is a state subject. Specific schemes of slums clearance/improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums rather than their massive clearance and resettlement. However, in 1985, a special grant of Rs. 100 crores was announced by the Union Govt. to the Govt. of Maharashtra to tackle the acute problems of slums and housing in Bombay. The amount earmarked for the last three years i.e. from 1991-92 to 1993-94 is as folows:—

Years	Rs. in crores
1991-92	3.00
1992-93	7.50
1993-94	4.50

There was no allocation during 1994-95 as the targetted amount of Rs. 100 crores was already released to Maharashtra.

Shortage of potable water in Maharashtra

7539. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Central Government to help the State Government of Maharashtra which is facing acute shortage of potable water in its various districts; and

(b) the details and extent of shortage of potable water assessed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Urban Water Supply is a State subject. Based on the demand of water in a particular urban agglomeration, the water supply schemes are framed, implemented, operated and maintained by State Agencies. Funds are provided by the Planning Commission in the State Sector for meeting the requirement of water supply and sanitation. However, under the Centrally Sponsored accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for towns having population 20,000 and below, six towns were selected for Central assistance and an amount of Rs. 85.36 lakhs and Rs. 92.50 lakhs of the Central share for 1993 and 1994-95 respectively has been released to the State Government. As per the guidelines issued on the subject, a State Level Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary to the State Govt., Incharge of Urban Water Supply alongwith other members as stipulated in the guidelines will select the new towns for providing potable drinking water to the inhabitants.

(b) The State Government has reported shortage of potable water in 14 districts mentioned below:—

1. Jalgaon
2. Ahmednagar